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DAVID HALEN & PETER MARTIN PARTNER TO “CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS” AT THE SHELDON

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **David Halen, Peter Martin and Friends: “Celebrate the Holidays,”** Wednesday, December 9 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. *This concert was originally scheduled for December 2.* Celebrate the season with St. Louis Symphony concertmaster David Halen and jazz pianist Peter Martin as they perform holiday favorites such as “The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On an Open Fire)” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” as well as classics by Gershwin and more! Special guests include symphony violinist, and blossoming vocalist, Helen Kim.

David Halen served as Assistant Concertmaster with the Houston Symphony Orchestra under Sergiu Comissiona and Christoph Eschenbach until 1991. He then came to St. Louis, where he was permanently named Concertmaster of the St. Louis Symphony in September 1995, without audition, and with the endorsement of then Music Directors Leonard Slatkin and Hans Vonk.

Peter Martin is an acclaimed jazz pianist, composer, arranger and educator whose touring career has taken him to six continents. As the longtime music director for vocalist Dianne Reeves, Martin performed on and arranged her Grammy winning release *A Little Moonlight*. The Julliard graduate has performed, toured and recorded with Wynton Marsalis, Chris Botti, Betty Carter, Christian McBride and Joshua Redman as well as the Berlin Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic.

Helen Kim is a first violinist with the St. Louis Symphony. An avid chamber musician, she garnered first prize in the strings division at the 2010 Coleman Competition with her trio and also at the 2011 Yale Chamber Music Society Competition. She was associate concertmaster of the New York String Orchestra during the 2009-2010 series and served as concertmaster for three consecutive years in the symphony and chamber orchestras at the University of Southern California.

Single tickets are \$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony. Tickets are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111, through The Sheldon’s website at TheSheldon.org, or in person at The Fox Theatre Box Office, 534 N. Grand Blvd. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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